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TECH CENTER TONNON, Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the Final Office Action mailed March 12, 2003 rejecting Claims 43-45, 52-66, 108, 112 and 113.

The requisite fee of \$320 for a Notice of Appeal is enclosed. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. A-68112-1/AMP/JFB).

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